

Anglers Hook Perch Derby Title

ROD and GUN CHATTER

By DONNA BARKDULL

Torrance surf addicts made it a red letter day for their home stomping grounds Sunday as they pulverized 1152 others in Redondo Rod and Gun's seventh annual Perch Derby, which draws competition from all over Southern California.

Winning team, Bickar, Hawkes, Peterson, Barnette and Strong braved the shivering dawn at Hollywood Beach to cop top honors, as did the young fry of the club, Beadle, Anderson, Strong, Gullion and Stevens who proved equally as good as their elders taking the junior trophy. All came back to the Redondo club house late Sunday afternoon soaked, had to wade out to a sand bar then cast over another one to reach the elusive perch. Torrance clubbers will probably have to send a car load of cold tablets to their champs. The price of fine you know, pneumonia and

Several of the hot spots did not pan out, locally 2nd St. in Hermosa was dead as was the beach in front of the Riviera, as was the "secret" hole at Santa Barbara where Al Coast, Miles, Bunting, Paul Doss, George Maynard and Cal Gilbert of the Gardena Rod and Gun took the female contestants from the Torrance club. Gals placed fourth in the women's division, hampered as they were.

COUNTING THE CATCH . . . Torrance Rod and Gun Club's men anglers, who took first in Southern California Perch Derby last week, show catch which brought them title. Left to right, Berry Barnette, Art Peterson, Ray Hawkes, Fred Bickar and Ernie Strong check in with winning haul at Redondo. Redondo Rod and Gun club sponsored derby, which found Torrance Junior team taking first, too, and local women nabbing fourth place



WINNERS, TOO . . . Torrance Junior anglers display perch taken in Redondo derby. They won first among hundreds of Southern California youngsters, who comprised junior teams in big derby. Left to right, kneeling, Johnny Anderson and Ernie Strong, and standing, Richard Stevens, Ray Beadle and Ralph Gullion, are proud anglers.

Men, Juniors Best Of 233 Surf Teams

Torrance Rod and Gun Club's five-man team angled their way to victory Sunday, checking in full limits of big barred perch to win top honors in the seventh annual Surf Classic of Southern California sponsored by the Redondo Rod and Gun Club.

Team-mates Fred Bickar, Ray Hawkes, Berry Barnette, Art Peterson and Ernie Strong worked the south end of Hollywood Beach, near Casper, snatching in beauties up to 3 pounds, 4 ounces, second largest of the 1152 perch weighed in at the Redondo clubhouse.

West Los Angeles Sportfishers placed second and the Niles Anglers third, also with full limits, but with much smaller catches. Torrance's win in a quiet totaled 84 pounds, 5 ounces for their 50 entries as compared to the second spot team's 75 pounds, 1 ounce.

Torrance Rod and Gun's younger set of surf enthusiasts, Ray Beadle, Johnny Anderson, Ralph Gullion, Richard Stevens and Butch Strong, nabbed the number one spot in the junior division of the biggest surf derby in California, rounding out a really great day for local fishing addicts.

Women's trophy went to five Japanese girls of the Rafu Angling Club, headed by one in her 70's. Ladies fished the area of Gardena sacking their limits which, besides placing them first in the female division, put them fourth overall.

Eleven of the 233 competing teams representing sporting clubs from all over Southern California checked back with their full limits of barred perch, traveling as far north as Arroyo Grande, and as far south as San Diego. Taking 50 fish besides the above mentioned squads were two teams from the Gardena Rod and Gun, one other from the Torrance club, the San Fernando Valley Japanese Fishing Club, Westside Anglers, Compton Hunting and Fishing Club, and the Douglas Segundo Rod and Gun.

49ers Register Feature Win in Boys' Cage Play

The 49ers had little trouble downing the Stude, 80-15, Tuesday night in the feature of Boys' Cage League play at Torrance High.

The losers were never in the game as Jerry Thrall, Gary Smith and Bill Alexander passed the 49ers' well-rounded attack by scoring six points each. Bill Mescham was high man for the Stude, netting five points.

However, Smith emerged as high point man for the 49ers, tallying 22 points as he looped in 22 points in leading the Hurricanes to a 43-38 nod over the Chasers. Tommy Cain had 12 for the Hurricanes, while Bill Mescham, with 14, and Len Ehrman, with 13, led the losers scoring.

In other games, the Terrors topped the Pterodactyls, 60-22, and Dunkers outpointed the Gremlins, 37-35.

Bob Malone tallied 18 points to lead the Terrors' surge.

An 18-point effort by Charley Valencia proved the difference in the Dunker-Gremlin fray. Valencia held the winners together with his top scoring.

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